

Laura Green. 23 Nov^r 1839.

My dear Son,

Not an hour has passed since I received yours of 21st. This answer will go by tomorrow's mail.

Rest quietly where you are. I cannot comprehend Mr. Dobbs' words - "I have advised to defer to a better opportunity for coming over and at the same time a better season of the year." Whose coming over? - his or yours? - take it either way, you are not to go over now.

You say you feel as if sitting on a bag of Lucifer matches, better so, than falling down between two stools. Mr. Dobbs treats my letter as a wish on my part, by no means as

the necessary consequence of his conversation with Mauncie. It seems to me to be as I feared, of which I warned you. when I gave general reasons for supposing the swan might prove a goose. Mauncie always has been too sanguine; and he may have interpreted Mr. Dobbs' words told with him as positive as he has described them, while they were merely intended as complimentarily speculative.

^{Mauncie's} ~~His~~ proposal to take you with him to Aix la Chapelle is almost madness - of which he has shown some equivocal symptoms in his own affairs. I really fear the bird is a goose. If Mr. Dobbs really spoke the words as written by Mauncie, he could not talk like one as if he had received the first notice of it from me. At all events, he bids you wait his time.

If, as Mancus says, he desires your services, he will, after my letter to him, make the fact known to you or to me. My opinion is we shall never hear more from him - that it is all moonshine, which Mancus has thought to be broad daylight. Your uncle might easily be deceived, not knowing him so well as I do, by his sanguine and positive talk. You speak of running about the world as if you had the seven league boots, or Fortunatus's ~~cap~~ purse. Rest quietly where you are; wait, after my proposal, for direct orders. I will write to Mancus to-night. Should there perchance be any thing, my letter will further its completion.

Tell your uncle I am sincerely obliged to him for the interest he has taken in your behalf; and give my love to his wife.

Now that I consider this presumed offer in reparation for a few months, I expect to see you at Tinsbury. If you wish it, I shall be very glad indeed to see Henry Flax with you - and say so kindly from me.

Had you described the chairs before you sent them, I should have fixed their destination otherwise. At least I had no use for the round backed ones. Did you take off the castors from the arm-chair? or were they stolen by the way?

Since penning the foregoing I have finished my
letter to Mauncy. The marrow of it is, that I cannot
accede to your accompanying him to Aix la Chapelle,
without a positive written promise from Mr. Dobbs,
because you must not run the hazard of losing your
present situation for an uncertainty. I have also
requested him to treat with Mr. Dobbs, so as to
procure from him an actual engagement. The more
I consider it, the more I fear the whole matter is
one of Mauncy's geese, tricked out swan-fashion.
I thought my hint would have tranquillized your
ardent hope. Yet I had no right to think
nothing of it, to your possible injury.

I am tired, and sick of writing.

Your affectionate father,
Chas. Brown.

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My dear Sir,
I have the pleasure to inform you
that the same has been received
and you may be assured that
it is by the same as
you have been advised
and that it is
the same as
you have been
advised to
do. I am
very
truly
yours,
J. H. Hill



